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+ Discussions between FBIS and U.S. Embassy officials in Tokyo on measures to improve FBIS Okinawa monitoring of Philippine radios in times of crisis have resulted in permission for FBIS to survey Philippine radio reception from Ishigaki, a Japanese island.			
+ The annual FBIS-BBC coordination meeting was held in the U.K. last week. BBC indicated that financial constraints may reduce the number of additional personnel it had planned to bring on board, but no serious impact on modernization is foreseen, with the two new BBC monitoring dishes expected to be in service within the next two years. An FBIS-BBC committee to coordinate satellite monitoring was established.			
+ At the request of the Department of State, FBIS provided a full translation on a priority basis of a lengthy Hu Yaobang interview with a Hong Kong journal. The interview seemed to raise the possibility of PRC use of force to regain Taiwan. The department expressed appreciation for the rapid FBIS translation in a cable to FBIS and to its missions in Beijing and Hong Kong, noting that the FBIS response allowed State to counter misimpressions fostered by early wire service accounts.			
+ At the request of the NIO for the USSR, FBIS has compiled a collection of Gorbachev statements on U.SSoviet relations and also provided copies of all Gorbachev statements on any topic since he became general secretary. A lengthier special memorandum on Gorbachev foreign policy statements is currently in process.			
+ At the request of SOVA, which is trying to determine whether the USSR is now providing less public information on military exercises than in the past, FBIS provided issues of the Soviet military paper KRASNAYA ZVEZDA from 1967 and 1970. If the SOVA supposition is accurate, the papers will be used during negotiations in Geneva. FBIS is apparently the only organization in the U.S. Government that still has hard copy files of old Soviet papers.			

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